

January 2008 BTS News

The Lifeloc FC20 is approved for evidentiary use in Idaho as of February 1, 2008. Changeover classes for **currently certified Breath Testing Specialists** are currently scheduled for February 21, March 6, and April 3 from 0800 to 1700 at POST classroom H. The classes are open to both Alco-Sensor III and Intoxilyzer 5000 Specialists. Bring an FC20, printer, and simulator. Call Dave at 884-7177 to register.

If your agency already has an FC20, check with Lifeloc at 1-800-722-4872 to see if it needs to go back to them for updating; *chances are it will*. Then it will have to be sent to the Meridian ISP laboratory for inspection and certification. Many of the units already in Idaho have the thermal printer. The final instrument approval specifies the impact printer to avoid the possible loss of the printed results that can occur with thermal paper.

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An email was received from a prosecutor's office asking about the required 15 minute waiting period and the mouth alcohol detection system on the Intoxilyzer 5000. Apparently an officer had testified that the 15-minute wait was not really necessary for the IZ 5000 because the instrument was capable of detecting mouth alcohol if present. ***This is not correct.*** While the mouth alcohol system is good it is not infallible, and the 15-minute deprivation period is necessary as specified in the SOP.

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A reminder about the newest lot of RepCo 0.08 simulator solution:

The 0.08 solution is lot 7804. The target value is 0.081, and the acceptable range is 0.073 to 0.089. **Please note that this is a change from the past range for the 0.08 solutions.** Previously the range for the 0.08 has been plus or minus 0.01, but we have adopted a straight plus or minus 10% for the 0.08, which is the same margin used for the 0.20. The use of plus or minus 0.01 led to many attorneys incorrectly believing that +/- 0.01 was an established margin of error for the instruments.

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Alco-Sensor and IZ 5000 BTS classes:

POST classroom D, 0830 March 27th for IZ 5000, March 28th for Alco-Sensor III.

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